

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on March 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)  
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Emge, Committee Secretary  
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 329, 3/8/2017  
HB 285, 3/8/2017  
HB 244, 3/8/2017  
HJ 6, 3/8/2017

**HEARING ON SB 329**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:52 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 329, Adopt the Montana Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

**[EXHIBIT\(phs52a01\)](#)**

00:03:04 Sen. Caferro left the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:48 Garrett Bacon, representing himself

00:06:28 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

00:10:01 Dr. Carol Eve Moon, retired obstetrician gynecologist, member of American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists and American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

**[EXHIBIT\(phs52a02\)](#)**

00:14:06 Ed Halland, representing himself and his family

00:17:35 Dr. Mary Ann Evans, representing herself and the Montana Catholic Conference

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:21:50 SK Rossi, director, Advocacy and Public Policy, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)

00:27:49 Laura Terrill, vice president, External Affairs of Planned Parenthood of Montana (PPMT)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs52a03\)](#)**

00:32:45 Robin Turner, Public Policy and Coalition director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

00:36:25 Sen. Gross

00:36:40 Jules Shindel, organizing director, Montana Human Rights Network

00:37:05 Jessica Peterson, NARAL Pro-Choice Montana

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:40:27 Sen. Sands

00:43:41 Ms. Rossi, ACLU

00:43:47 Sen. Sands

00:45:00 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

00:45:11 Sen. C. Smith

00:46:05 Mr. Laszloffy, MFF

00:46:15 Sen. C. Smith

00:46:38 Sen. Regier

00:47:04 Chair Howard  
00:48:17 Ms. Terrill, PPMT  
00:48:29 Sen. C. Smith  
00:52:01 Mr. Laszloffy  
00:52:41 Sen. Sands  
00:54:24 Ms. Rossi

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:54:41 Sen. Regier

**HEARING ON HB 285**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:55:42 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 285, Establish a palliative care advisory council and education program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:04:14 Dr. Christopher Johns, palliative care physician, St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula  
01:09:54 Chelsia Rice, representing herself and the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

**[EXHIBIT\(phs52a04\)](#)**

01:12:53 Tracy Neary, vice president, Mission Integration for SCL Health Montana; including St. James in Butte; St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings and Holy Rosary Healthcare in Miles City

01:13:33 Keri Yoder, representing herself

**[EXHIBIT\(phs52a05\)](#)**

01:14:45 Sandy Merdinger, volunteer advocate, AARP Montana

**[EXHIBIT\(phs52a06\)](#)**

01:15:34 Dr. Kathryn Borgenicht, Bozeman Health

01:16:35 Elizabeth Harris, representing herself

**[EXHIBIT\(phs52a07\)](#)**

01:18:36 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association; also speaking on behalf of Aimee Grmoljez representing Billings Clinic

01:19:43 Melissa Shannon, Pacific Source Health Plans

01:19:58 Bowen Greenwood, Montana Family Foundation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:20:33 Rep. McKamey

**HEARING ON HB 244**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:21:37 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 244, Revise definition of elder abuse.

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(phs52a08\)\*\*](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:26:11 Brant Light, chief prosecutor, Attorney General's Office, Department of Justice (DOJ)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(phs52a09\)\*\*](#)

01:28:33 Jackie Boyle, AARP Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:29:37 Rose Hughes, executive director, Montana Health Care Association

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(phs52a10\)\*\*](#)

01:35:20 Eve Franklin, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:39:40 Sen. C. Smith  
01:40:25 Rep. Jacobson  
01:42:12 Sen. C. Smith  
01:47:37 Mr. Light, DOJ  
01:48:11 Sen. Sands  
01:48:53 Chair Howard  
01:49:07 Sen. Sands  
01:49:23 Rep. Jacobson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:49:29 Rep. Jacobson

01:51:40 Sen. Sands

01:51:52 Chair Howard

**HEARING ON HJ 6**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:52:21 Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HJ 6, Interim study on the effects of methamphetamine use on state and local services.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:57:11 Erica Johnston, Operations Management officer, Department of Public Health and Human Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:57:35 Rep. Ellie Hill Smith

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:01 PM

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([phs52aad.pdf](#))